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State	No. of implements distributed
1. Gujarat	71672
2. Haryana	162
3. Himachal Pradesh	162
4. Rajasthan	1602

Discontinuation of T.V. serial 'Safarnama' on Doordarshan

1060. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether on the 14th July, 1985 the Delhi Doordarshan authorities decided to discontinue a T.V. serial "Safarnama" presented at the initiative of the Ministry of Railways;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, when were the earlier 3 episodes of the serial had been telecast;

(c) whether such serials are not previewed by the Doordarshan authorities before telecast; and

(d) if so, what is the procedure followed in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The programmes are previewed by Doordarshan before their telecast, and because of the unsatisfactory quality of this programme, the serial has been discontinued. Three episodes of the serial were telecast on 23rd June, 30th June and 7th July, 1985.

(d) The proposal submitted to Doordarshan is first considered for approval of the theme and the treatment of the programme. Once this is approved, the producer is required to submit a pilot of the proposed programme which is previewed by a Committee consisting of Director General, Doordarshan, Deputy Director General, Doordarshan and the concerned Controller of Programmes in the Directorate General, Doordarshan. If the pilot is approved by the Committee, the producer is given clearance for production of the series. He is also expected to keep up the standard of the series.

Drinking water supply in Rajasthan

1061. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of assistance received so far from the International Agencies like the World Bank and the International Development Association in executing drinking water schemes in Rajasthan; and

(b) the progress made in providing drinking water facilities in the State so far and the number of large villages and towns covered and those expected to be covered during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) The Rajasthan Water Supply & Sewerage Project costing Rs. 136 crores is being assisted by World Bank (IDA). Out of 80 million U.S. dollars credit agreed to for this project, the credit utilised upto end of December 84 is 33.19 million U.S. dollars.